

Variety Tech 4 School Grant FAQS



How do I apply?

All Variety Tech 4 School grant applications are submitted online via the referral of a school teacher in targeted public schools throughout NSW or ACT only.

Why do I need to have a teacher as a referrer?

Variety understands that there may be a significant need within the community however require the guidance and recommendation of those most in the know and connected to students to act as a referrer.

What is the decision-making process?

Granting decisions will be made by Variety using an assessment matrix designed to ensure support is provided to those most in need. We recognise that there is significant need in the community particularly with the impacts of COVID-19, and are committed to supporting as many young people as we can within our reduced grant funding capacity.

How long do I have to wait for an outcome?

We know it's a challenging time, especially for students and parents managing the shift to remote learning. Like many organisations, Variety is operating with significantly reduced staffing. However, we understand the urgency and are committed to providing an outcome for applicants as soon as possible.

I received an email telling me my application was successful, what do I do next?

No need to do anything! If you are successful Variety will order the items the applicant is eligible for under the grant directly with the supplier and have it delivered direct to the address on your application form.

If I am successful, how long do I have to wait until I receive the items?

This will be dependent on both demand and stock availability; however, we understand the need is both great and urgent, and will do our best to work with our supplier in despatching orders in a reasonable timely manner. We also acknowledge that due to the current climate delivery services are experiencing a higher than normal demand for their services which may add to the time frame for receiving your goods.

Why isn't this grant available to all students in NSW and ACT attending any public school?

Applications for this grant are by referral from schools with our initial granting capacity focusing on areas of greatest need in NSW and ACT. Schools selected to participate in the first round have been identified by consulting available Government and Department of Education data, statistics, and reports to roll out the grant in specific areas. We will continue to roll out into other areas in a staged manner if funding permits.

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Will this grant be open to the public?

Not at this point in time. Variety has limited funds and needs to be strategic in our approach to rolling out this grant this so we can best address the needs with our current resources.

Why are you only granting laptops?

Laptops are part of the grant package offered under the Tech 4 School grant. The specifications of the grant package were developed in consultation across several 'Bring Your Own Device' policies from different public schools.

This laptop will not suit my child's need.

If the specifications of this grant do not meet the needs of your child, we are unable to amend and therefore encourage you to speak to your child's teacher and seek other avenues of support for technology for your child.

My child has a disability, will this suit my child?

If your child has a disability you will be asked to provide some information related to this in your application for Variety's consideration. We are unable to confirm if this grant will be suitable for your child.

If your child has an NDIS plan, please speak to your child's planner immediately to find out about the Government's recent changes to allowing low-cost assistive technology as part of a child's NDIS plan.

Information about the recent changes can be found [here](#)

Frequented asked questions about the changes can be found [here](#).